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Colorado is a decentralized state. ICPC functions are delegated to 64 local county department of social services, except those involving incoming residential child care facilities, or foster home placements where a Colorado child placement agency is providing services. Private/non public adoptions are processed by Adoption Alliance. (see below).

NON-PUBLIC ADOPTIONS are processed by: Adoption Alliance, 2121 S. Oneida St., Suite 420, Denver, CO 80224. Contact Person: Kathy Tirone, (303) 584-9900. Fax: (303) 584-9007.

RESIDENTIAL CHILD CARE FACILITIES—All incoming RCCF placement requests are processed by: Chantal Smith (address, same as above). Do not send these requests to local county department of social services.

All incoming Foster Care requests originated by a public entity and where a private child placement agency is performing services in Colorado are processed by: Chantal Smith (address, same as above). Do not send these requests to local county department of social services.

All other inquiries regarding specific cases should be directed to the appropriate local county department of social services that sent the original ICPC request listed on the 100A.

ICPC Office Hours: Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Mountain Time Zone.

GENERAL INFORMATION

ICPC Code Citation. 24-60-1801 to 24-60-1803. 26-6-104(5) CRS 1973 as amended.

Statutory Penalties Under Article IV. Violation of Child Care Act is a misdemeanor. (26-6-112).

Age of Majority. 21 years. (2-4-401). 18 years under Children's Code (19-1-103) but jurisdiction of court may continue over any child under 21 years of age who has been adjudicated as neglected or dependent, in need of oversight, or delinquent.

Court Jurisdiction. District Court (except Juvenile Court-only in Denver County); Delinquent; Child needing oversight (CHINO); Neglected or Dependent child; termination of parent/child legal relationship; adoption and support proceedings. (19-1-104). Domestic court: divorce, child custody (14-10-123), (14-10-106).

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SPECIAL INFORMATION

Investigation in Custody Disputes. Requests are to be sent to the court service office at the court in the county where person to be studied resides. A fee may be charged for this service.

REQUIREMENTS

Reports. Quarterly unless special reports are needed.

Licensing Requirements. Licenses are required for foster families caring for children related and unrelated to the family, child care centers, child placing agencies, and residential child care facilities. Out-of-state child placing agencies must be licensed by Colorado (26-6-104) for placements into Colorado. Licenses are not required of public agencies.

PLACEMENTS

Independent Adoptive Placements. Unlawful, unless parent or guardian places child with close relative. No person may place or arrange for placement except as noted above unless licensed as a Child Placement Agency.

Adoption Petition. Child must be present in the state when a petition is filed. Filed within 30 days after placement (19-4-10); final hearing is 6 months later, unless finalized sooner for good cause (19-4-112). Petition must be accompanied by ICPC-100A and State Department verification that placement was made by a child placement agency, if from outside Colorado.

Residential Placements. Placements into children's residential care facilities require prior approval.

- Placements Requiring Interstate Approval: All placements into Residential Child Care Facilities (RCCF's), Specialized Group Homes and Centers and foster homes require prior approval.

- Requirements for Placements: ICPC-100A, a summary of the child's history financial and medical plan. For placement of children under 16, the facility must be licensed.

- Approval of Facilities: Residential Child Care Facilities and child placement agencies are licensed by the Colorado Department of Human Services. Foster homes maybe certified by a County Department of Social Services or a licensed Child Placement Agency. Local County (Department of Social Services) cannot supervise ICPC placements with CPA's. The CPA supervises those placements.

- Rate Setting: Rates are established by individual counties department of social services.

- Monitoring of the Child: Responsibility rests with the sending agency and the residential facility. Local county department of social services do not supervise child placement into residential facilities licensed in Colorado.

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-Philosophy for the Placement of Non-Resident Youth: Placements may be made in licensed/certified facilities. Legal and financial responsibility remains with the sending agency.

PAYMENTS

TANF Payments. Colorado as the receiving state provides for its county departments of social services to make TANF payments on behalf of non-resident children in relative care if this is the financial plan that is in the best interest of the child.

Medicaid Payments. Medicaid payments are provided for on-going treatment or emergency services for non IV-E Colorado children placed in foster care in other states. Provider claimants out-of-state should write to ACF, P.O. Box 1100, Denver, Colorado 80201-1100, 1-800-237-0757, to request an application. Medical emergencies are honored for payments, if submitted in a timely fashion. Certain psychiatric services or psychologist services administered by or under the direct supervision of a psychiatrist are reimbursable with prior permission from county departments of social services holding legal custody.

Colorado IV-E eligible children are to receive Medicaid coverage in the state where they reside, in accordance with Federal (COBRA) amendments, as do eligible children from other states now residing in Colorado facilities. Please indicate on the corner of all ICPC-100A forms whether or not the child is IV-E eligible. The sending state remains responsible for all other financial payments.

Foster Care Payments. Colorado, as the sending state, will provide foster care payments if the foster home meets licensing approval or certification requirements of the receiving state.

Special Education Payments. Special Education services are available on a tuition basis on behalf of non-resident school children placed into Colorado who are in a public school program. Under certain circumstances, Colorado participates in the payment of special education costs out-of-state.

USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Child Abuse. Colorado is state supervised, county administered in provision of social services. For consultation or referral to the appropriate local county department, individuals may call the State Office at (303) 866-5932 between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. After hours crisis calls are handled by either county departments or law enforcement. There are no toll free numbers.

Juvenile Compact Office. The Interstate Compact on Juveniles is located at Montview Youth Services, ICJ, Bldg. 81, 3900 S. Carr Street, Denver, CO. 80235. Contact Summer Foxworth, Juvenile Compact Administrator at (303) 987-4615.

Mental Health Compact Office. The Interstate Compact on Mental Health is administered in Colorado through the Department of Human Services, Mental Health Services, 3824 W. Princeton Circle, Denver, CO 80236. Contact Lori Banks, (303) 866-7424.